

City of Freeport

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 6:30 PM Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilman Eddie

Farris, Councilman Mark Martin, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner

Council Member Absent: Councilwoman Brannon

Staff Members Present: City Manager Charlie Simmons, City Clerk Malani Robinson, City Attorney

Clay Adkinson, Parks Director Travis Digges

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. Easter Egg Drop

Parks Director Digges opened the discussion by discussing the plan of action the Destiny Worship Center intended to take to abide by COVID-19 Safety regulations. Parks Director Digges cited the handout he gave to Council which gave details as to how the church would utilize the entire park to warrant space, follow a strict timeline, and stage children by their age group. Park Director Digges noted that the volunteers would direct the flow of traffic on and off the field to the next event. Councilwoman Haffner noted her approval of the time gaps between the age groups, and recommended use of the portable hand sanitizers on site. Parks Director Digges confirmed that there will sanitation stations.

Moved by: Councilman Farris

Seconded by: Councilwoman Haffner

To APPROVE the 2021 Easter Egg Drop.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilman Farris: aye

Councilman Martin: aye

Councilwoman Haffner: aye

Councilwoman Green: aye

Carried

Mayor Barley asked the Council if they wanted to continue with the Spring Festival arts and crafts events, spacing out the booths. Councilwoman Green expressed her hesitancy to agree to the event without having seen the flow plans. City Manager Simmons informed the Council that the booths would be scattered throughout the park with drawn out lines for order. There would also be limited parking around each event. Councilwoman Haffner also expressed a need to see the flow chart for a visual. City Manager Simmons agreed to work with the Mayor to present the requested item.

Moved by: Councilman Farris

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

To APPROVE the Spring Festival.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilman Farris: aye

Councilman Martin: aye

Councilwoman Haffner: aye

Councilwoman Green: aye

Adjournment

Mayor Barley motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk